

McDONALD VILLAGE COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Visitors: Cliff DeZee

Staff: Fiscal Officer Robin DeBow, Fire Chief Todd Stitt, Police Chief Bill Woodley, Solicitor Douglas W. Ross, Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich, and Office Manager Char McCracken

1. The February 7, 2018 meeting of McDonald Village Council was called to order by Mayor Glen M. Puckett at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. O'Brien – present
Mr. Seitz – absent
Mr. Fisher – present

Mr. Harvey – present
Mr. Lewis – present
Mr. Bradley – present

2. Pledge of allegiance

One minute of silence in remembrance of American troops serving throughout the world and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

3. Approval of the January 19, 2018 council minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to approve the January 19, 2018 minutes as mailed:

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of agenda:

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to amend the agenda as follows:

10. New Business – add basketball courts
11. Legislation – add B – first reading of a transfer ordinance
13. Executive Session – add the language “for pending litigation”

4. Adoption of agenda cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's report

Mayor Puckett stated for the month of January, Mayor's Court had computer fund I \$169, costs \$391, fines \$965, Niles Municipal Court fines \$99, parking tickets \$125, police reports \$10 for a grand total of \$1759.00.

Mayor read a letter of resignation from medic Kevin Bloom.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to accept the resignation letter of Kevin Bloom.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

Mayor Puckett asked for confirmation on the appointment of Theresa Gillespie as a paramedic.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to affirm the appointment of Theresa Gillespie.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated that Teresa had been on the department from 2010-2012 and had to leave us. She would like to come back and it will be an asset to have another paramedic on staff. He stated it is great to see the numbers growing.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

5. Mayor's report cont'd.

Motion carried.

Mayor Puckett also stated that there was a request from former Police Chief Lou Ronghi to purchase his off duty service weapon for \$1.00. It has been past practice that all retiring officers purchase their off duty weapon.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis to approve the request by former Chief Ronghi to purchase his off duty service weapon for a \$1.00.

Discussion: Mr. Bradley stated this is a complimentary thing to do. Most departments do this sometimes at a prorated cost so it is commendable that he gets his off duty weapon for a dollar.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

6. Report of Village Officials:

Village Administrator Thomas Domitrovich reported that he is working with the Water Department on the 2017 year-end report. They are reviewing it at this time and when it is ready he will distribute it to Council.

He spoke with Caitlyn Irgang of the Liberty McDonald Relay for Life and they have set the date for this year's relay on June 8 & 9.

Mr. Domitrovich wished Kevin Bloom well and stated he enjoyed working with him.

Police Chief Bill Woodley distributed his end of the month report as follows: For the month of January 2018, the department received 183 calls from the Trumbull County 911 center. They investigated 18 formal complaints, conducted 59 traffic stops resulting in 20 traffic citations and made 3 criminal arrests. They issued 5 parking tickets, 2 parking warnings responded to 8 alarm drops, 8 animal complaints, 5 check the welfare, 1 call of suspicious activity, 4 calls of suspicious vehicle, 1 call of suspicious person, 1 standby request, 3 calls for lockouts, 27

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medical calls, 1 call for an unwanted person, 1 civil complaint, 1 disturbance, 4 calls of a disabled vehicle and 3 traffic regulation complaints. They conducted 3 residential security checks, assisted another agency 1 time, and found 1 property unsecured.

The department is not mandated to complete CPT hours for 2018 due to budget constraints at the State level. However, the department will continue to work towards the suggested 40 hours of CPT. The department completed the Daily Training Bulletins for the month of January.

David Smith and Chris Sable were appointed as part-time patrolmen with the department. Lt. Ronghi created a department Facebook page to better communicate with the Village residents. It will be used to keep the residents informed on what is going on with the department, including monthly police blotters. It will also be used to alert residents when there is an increase in specific crimes such as theft from vehicles, vandalism etc. The residents are encouraged to use the private message application on Facebook to alert the department of any habitual illegal activity taking place in the Village.

Fire Chief Todd Stitt distributed his end of the month report as follows: For the month of January the Fire Department had 27 EMS calls and 12 fire calls.

Solicitor Douglas W. Ross - no report.

7. Committee reports:

President Pro Tem Mr. Lewis reported on tonight's Caucus where the following items were discussed: agenda, Fiscal Officer's report, Council minutes, legislation, meeting with Ohio Edison, executive session, Relay for Life, and basketball courts.

Park & Buildings Mr. Harvey reported Park and Buildings met last evening at 6:03 p.m. They discussed the Easter egg hunt, Positive Impact Day, Relay for Life, the no smoking signs for park areas, 100th anniversary, baseball fields, community room second floor upgrade, and the basketball courts. The meeting closed at 6:46 p.m.

Safety Committee Mr. Seitz –In the absence of Mr. Seitz, Mr. Lewis gave the report as follows: Safety met last evening at 6:54 p.m. and they discussed the

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request by former Chief Ronghi for his off duty service weapon and a drop off drug box for unused prescription medicine.

Chief Stitt reported the resignation of Kevin Bloom and the appointment of Theresa Gillespie. The meeting closed at 7:13 p.m.

Finance & Capital Improvement Mr. Lewis reported Finance met last evening at 6:46 p.m. and discussed the permanent budget and a transfer ordinance. The meeting closed at 6:54 p.m.

Service Committee Mr. Fisher reported Service met last evening at 7:13 p.m. They discussed the Armstrong franchise fee agreement which will be expiring next month. They also discuss the Trumbull County Consortium agreement which expires at the end of the year but will be reviewed next month to allow time for the passage of a resolution and signing of the agreement. They discussed briefly the zone change request by Paul Wolford, 175 Ohio Ave. and the drug free workplace training. The meeting closed at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Fisher also wanted the residents to know regarding our cable company – that no other company will come into McDonald because they would never be able to recoup the cost of providing cable service because of our size.

Mr. Bradley complimented Chief Stitt on the work his department is doing. He also complimented the Street Department for the fine job of clearing the roads during the recent snow fall. He traveled to many cities in Trumbull County and none of the roads were as clean as McDonald's roads.

Planning Commission Mr. Bradley reported that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room to discuss the zone change by Paul Wolford, 175 Ohio Ave. He wants to change from CA (commercial) to IA (light industrial). He invited all council members to attend.

Community Chest Mr. O'Brien no report

8. Remarks from persons or groups present: none

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business:

A Basketball courts – Mr. Bradley brought up the issues that we have had with the basketball courts last summer and wanted to discuss some possible recommendations. For the issue of players urinating in bottles because it is too far to go to the restroom, he suggested a few porta johns. The issue of excess trash he suggested more trash cans be placed at the courts. He also suggested that the signs regarding the trash be lowered to eye level. He wants Council to discuss the issues and recommendations and/or other solutions and make a determination one way or the other. If Council agrees to the recommendations and they work the problem will be solved. If they don't work Council can shut the courts permanently. Council needs to decide one way or the other. There was discussion back and forth about the recommendations but no decision was made.

Mr. Fisher stated that sometimes people think that Council doesn't do things but he clarified that they do review and discuss things before a decision is made.

11. Legislation:

A First reading of an Ordinance To Make Appropriations For 2018 To Various Divisions Of The Village Government For Each Of The Several Objects For Which The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, Has To Provide Out Of The Monies Known To Be In The Treasury Of Said Village During The Year From The Collection Of All The Taxes And From All Other Sources Of Revenue For 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that ordinance pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated there have been two changes to the budget. One is the increased cost of health care and the other is the decreased cost for the debt service.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

B First reading of an Ordinance Transferring Funds Within Various Funds Within The Village Of McDonald, Ohio, For A Period Beginning January 1,

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2018, And Ending December 31, 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis that the ordinance pass first reading as read.

Discussion: Mr. Lewis stated this is an annual ordinance that we do every year.

Roll call:

Mr. Lewis – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Motion carried.

12. Fiscal Officer's report:

Mrs. DeBow reported that the bills for the Fiscal Officer's report total \$116,225.96.

I, Robin DeBow, Fiscal Officer of the Village of McDonald, Ohio do hereby declare that the bills are true and correct and the money is in the bank to pay them.

It was moved by Mr. Bradley to accept the Fiscal Officer's report and pay all bills.

Roll call:

Mr. Bradley – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Fisher – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

13. Miscellaneous: Executive session

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

Discussion: Mr. Fisher stated there will be no business conducted afterwards.

13. Miscellaneous cont'd.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fisher to exit executive session at 6:58 p.m.

Roll call:

Mr. Fisher – aye
Mr. Harvey – aye
Mr. Bradley – aye

Mr. O'Brien – aye
Mr. Lewis – aye

Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Fisher at 6:58 p.m. All voted aye.

Mayor

Attest to:

Fiscal Officer